सी० पी० आई० (एम०) संसदीय दल के नेता हैं। अन्य मामले में बंगला नं० 3, कुशक रोड, श्री एम० पी० कौशिक, संसद् सदस्य (राज्य सभा) को आवंटित करने की पेशकश की है। तथापि, संसद् सदस्य को बंगले का कब्जा अभी नहीं दिया गया है, क्योंकि यह बंगला श्री दयानन्द सहाय, भूतपूर्व संसद् सदस्य के अनधिकृत कब्जे में है।

Statement of Shri M. P. Birla regarding price hike of levy cement

1245. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Telegraph of the 11th July, 1984 (Calcutta) wherein Shri M. P. Birla, Chairman, Birla Jute and Industries Ltd., had given a statement to the effect that Government would raise the price of levy cement; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cement Manufacturers Association had urged the Government for escalation by Rs. 88.75 due to increase in input costs like coal, power, freight on coal and wages. The Government after a study by the Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices has allowed an increase of Rs. 40 per tonne only with effect from 18-7-84 together with marginal reduction in levy quota.

Suspension of training to seamen at Naolakhi and Visakhapatnam

1246. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suspended the training which was given to the seamen at Naolakhi and Visakhapatnam on account of recession in the shipping industry;

(b) whether the recession in the shipping industry has adversely affected the future of seafare community; and

(c) if so, what step Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) As a result of the recession in the Shipping Industry an acute unemployment situation among Indian seamen has arisen. Government set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Admiral S. M. Nanda (Retired) to go into this question. One of the principal recommendations of this Committee has been, among others, that "no fresh recruitment and training to be resorted to till the trained candidates waiting for placement are fully absorbed." Accepting this recommendation, Government have suspended the pre-sea training in all the three pre-rating training establishments namely T. S. Bhadra, Mekhala and Naulakshi. The position of available jobs and seamen will be reviewed in 1985 and thereafter every year, if necessary.

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1247. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Science Museum,